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REVELATIONS

STARTS HERE!



THOR

CATES · BANDINI · D'AMICO · WILSON

ASGARD.

As is tradition in the halls of Asgard, the great casks of Thor and his fathers before him have been let loose in celebration of another foe felled.

Another great darkness beaten.

Here, stories of long-ago wars are slurred and sung.

Speeches recounting the courage and ferocity roar through the sweat and battle-lust filled halls.







I...EXCUSE ME--
AH, PARDON MY TONGUE.
THOR, I...WELL, CERTAINLY
I'M DRUNK...AND I'M SURE
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT
THE LANDSCAPE WAS
LIKE. I WAS
MERELY--

no.



YOU HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT YOU ARE
TALKING ABOUT,
VOLSTAGG.

YOU HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT IT IS
LIKE TO BE SO
HELPLESS.



TO HAVE THE
FACES OF YOUR
FATHERS LOOK
DOWN ON YOU IN
INDIGNATION.

TO LOOK INTO
THE SKY AND SEE
YOUR HOME BURNING
BY YOUR OWN
SHADOW.



TO HAVE
YOUR LIGHTNING,
YOUR OWN ODIN-
DAMNED HAMMER
BETRAY YOU!!!

**NONE
OF YOU
KNOW!!!**



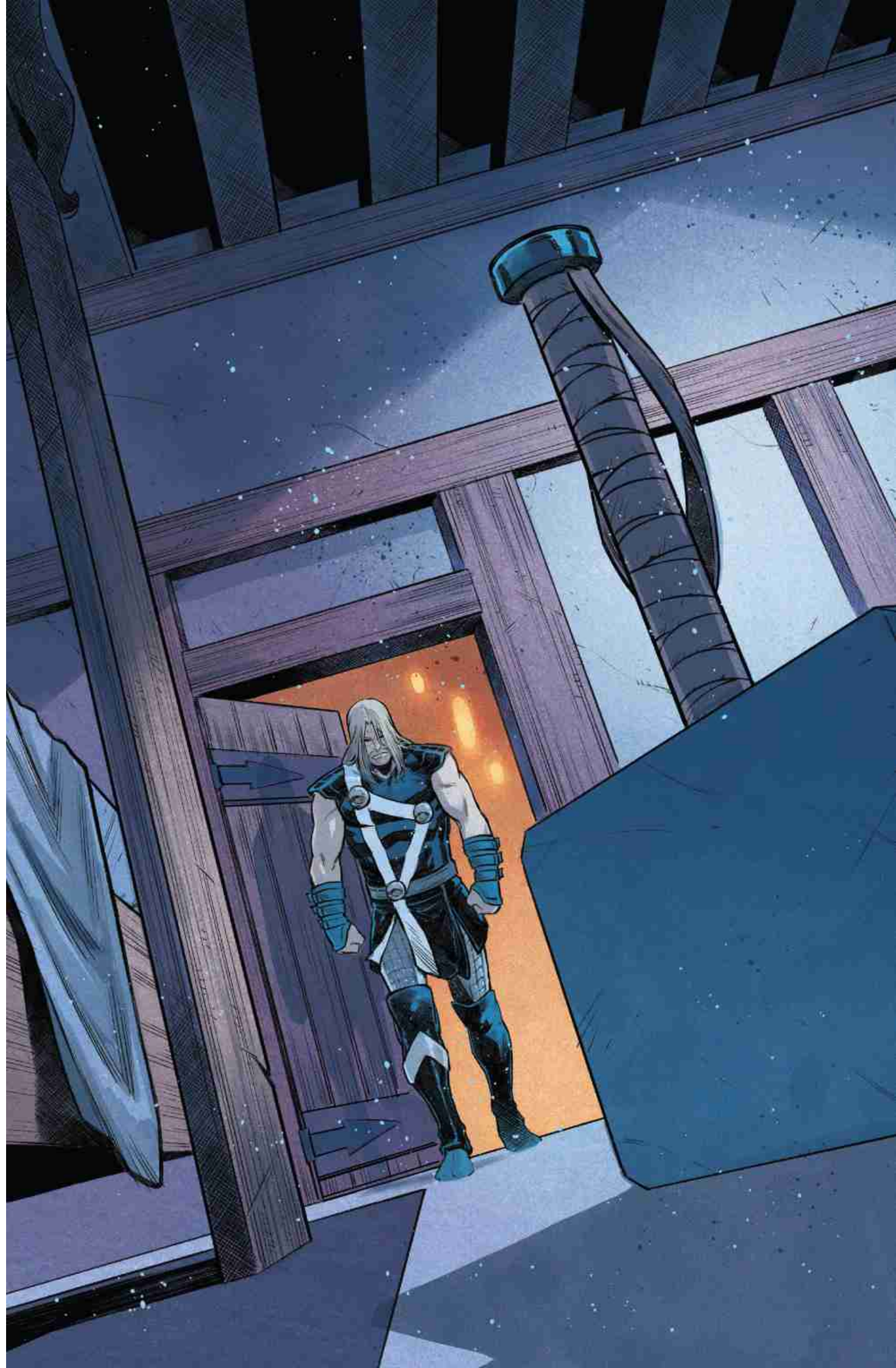
I...

I HAVE HAD
TOO MUCH TO
DRINK.

I APOLOGIZE.



...
"TOO...
MUCH?"







WHY WON'T--
AGHHH!

UHG!

BOOM!



DAMN...
DAMN
HAMMER...



THOR,
ARE YOU
OKAY?

I HEARD
THE NOISE
AND--

CLOSE
THE DAMN
DOOR!



HA, YOU
WEREN'T JOKING
ABOUT YOUR CUPS,
AYE? PERHAPS WE
ARE ALL TOO
OLD FOR--

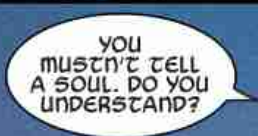
LOKI...



I...

I CANNOT
STAND, MY--MY
CHEST...

my
HAMMER...



THOR

“REVELATIONS” PART ONE OF THREE

THOR IS THE GOD OF THUNDER AND
ALL-FATHER OF ASGARD.

OF LATE, HE HAS HAD TROUBLE WITH HIS
HAMMER, MJOLNIR—SOMETIMES IT IS TOO
HEAVY FOR HIM TO LIFT, AND OTHER TIMES
PEOPLE LIKE HIS BROTHER LOKI ARE ABLE
TO LIFT IT DESPITE THE FACT THAT NO ONE
BUT THOR SHOULD BE ABLE TO.

AND AFTER A DEADLY ENCOUNTER WITH HIS
FORMER ALTER EGO, DONALD BLAKE—WHO
HAD GONE INSANE AND SOUGHT REVENGE ON
ODIN AND ANYONE TOUCHED BY HIS POWER—
THOR FEELS MORE UNSURE OF HIMSELF
THAN HE EVER HAS BEFORE.

SOMETHING MUST CHANGE. TRUTH MUST
COME TO LIGHT...

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COME ON! PUSH!!! WE'RE BETTER THAN THIS, AVENGERS!

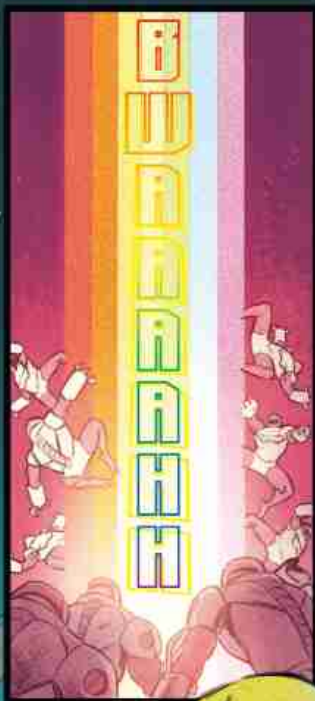
SORRY, CAP, I DIDN'T HAVE CYBER-MONSTERS IN MY PLAYBOOK TODAY!

ANYONE KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS? I'M NOT EXACTLY HEARING ANY DEMANDS OR EVIL PLOTS OUT HERE...

HONESTLY, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN, CAPTAIN MARVEL. THEY WANT TO FIGHT. THEY FOUND ONE--GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

YEAH, WELL, IF ANYONE HAS A HAIL MARY, NOW WOULD BE A COOL TIME TO PLAY IT.

















CAPTAIN...
LET ME ASK YOU
A QUESTION...



WHEN WAS
THE LAST TIME
WE SAW ONE
ANOTHER?

WHAT? I DON'T
UNDERSTAND...

HUMOR
ME.



WE FOUGHT
AGAINST KNULL
AND HIS ARMIES.
WE FACED THE
PHOENIX FORCE,
WE...

I'M SORRY,
THOR, I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
WHY DO YOU
ASK?



BECAUSE I DON'T.
I DON'T REMEMBER.

I NEVER DO.

YOU SEE...

...IMMORTALITY...
IT COMES WITH A PRICE.

A MOMENT FOR YOU...A BATTLE, A WAR, A MINUTE, A DAY...



THEY ARE REMEMBERED AS SECONDS FOR ME.

I REMEMBER THEM AS A MORTAL WOULD RECALL WHAT HE HAD FOR BREAKFAST A YEAR...



IT IS WHY...

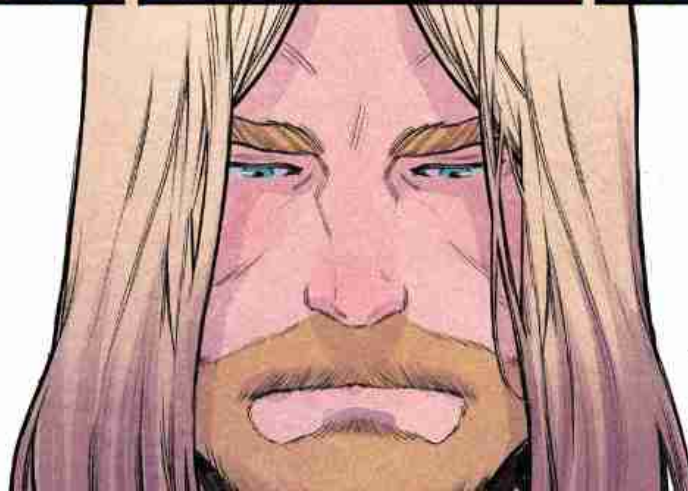
...WHY I AM ALWAYS SO GRATEFUL TO SEE YOU...YOU AND THE OTHERS...

MY PERCEPTION OF TIME...



...EACH TIME I RETURN TO MIDGARD...TO FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE...

I AM ALWAYS SO VERY GLAD THAT YOU ARE ALL STILL ALIVE.



I HAVE... I HAVE LOST SO MANY HERE...

AND I HAVE MISSED THEIR PASSING...MISSED ENTIRE LIVES--ENTIRE LIFETIMES WHILE I WAS OUT PLAYING SOLDIER FOR MY FATHER AMONGST THE REALMS...





WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THAT MJOLNIR HAS--I DON'T CLAIM TO UNDERSTAND THIS--BUT IT'S...SOMEHOW GIVEN UP ON YOU NOW THAT YOU'RE A KING?

THAT YOU AREN'T A WARRIOR ANYMORE?



I DO NOT THINK IT. I FEEL IT.

AND I AM NO KING, CAPTAIN.



NOT YET.

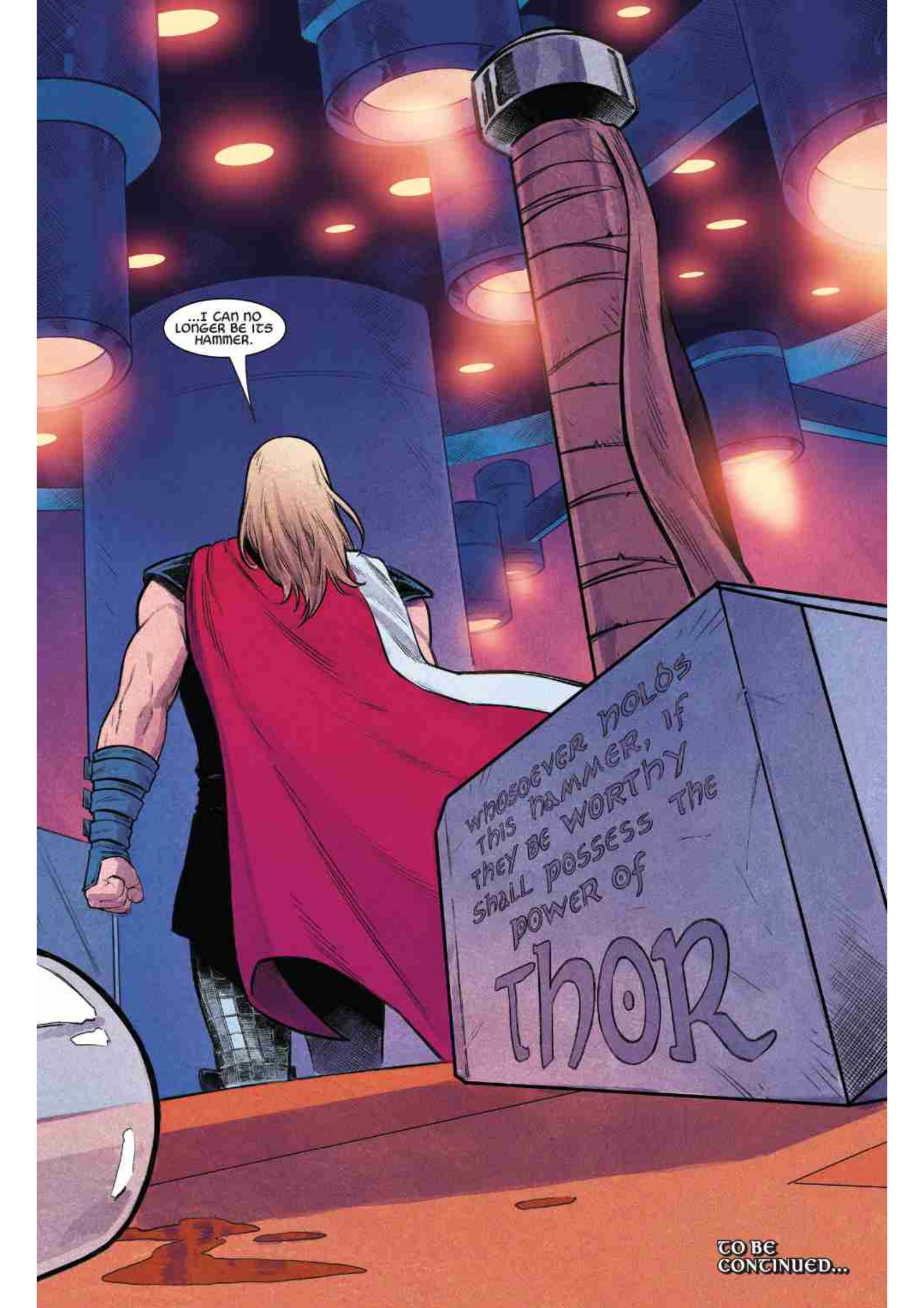


I HAVE COME HERE TO TELL YOU THAT I WILL LIVE A THOUSAND YEARS AND A THOUSAND LIFETIMES MORE.

AND BY THE GODS OF THE ELDER, ASGARD SHALL OUTLIVE EVEN ME...

AND IN THAT TIME...I SHALL REMAIN ASGARD'S KING...

BUT...I AM AFRAID...

A comic book panel showing Thor from behind, standing in a futuristic, industrial-looking environment with large blue pillars and glowing orange lights. He is wearing his red cape and blue gauntlet. A large stone block with inscriptions is in the foreground, and a speech bubble is above his head.

...I CAN NO
LONGER BE ITS
HAMMER.

WHOEVER HOLDS
THIS HAMMER, IF
THEY BE WORTHY
SHALL POSSESS THE
POWER OF

THOR

TO BE
CONTINUED...

QUOTH THE RAVENS: THE HUGINN & MUNINN SHOW

WRITE TO US AT MHEROES@MARVEL.COM
AND MARK YOUR MISSIVES "OKAY TO PRINT."



Hello, Midgard! Your favorite birds are back! Oh, how time flies when we birds get to relax. Haha, get it, Muninn?

Huginn, we have only just gotten back to our prayer duties, and already you have made a terrible joke. Though I guess I'll take this high-spirited partner over the one who complains about our duties. It seems I can't win with you, huh?

Hmph, and I see our time away from prayer duty hasn't made you any less of a stick in the mud. But yes, I do agree, the break did me good--I am ready to answer the mortals! Bring them here! How many do we have?

Well, from our time away, it seems to have stacked up quite a bit! Wonderful to see the power of the All-Father is alive and well!

Do mortals never... what is the word they use... vacation? Why, after this batch alone I will need but another break myself!

Oh, Huginn, don't worry, with your poor jokes, mortals will cease to write at all!

...Now who is the funny bird, hm?

Hello, Huginn and Muninn!

I would like to let you know that I believe THOR is the best series Marvel is putting out right now. THOR #14 as an excellent comic, and I am very excited for the next arc.

I've also heard that Mr. Donny Cates is concluding his run on VENOM... Is he getting any new Marvel projects? Well, even if he's not writing any other Marvel books, at least he'll be writing my favorite Marvel character, Thor! And of course, you two ravens are very cool too...

I know! Mr. Cates should, of course, keep writing THOR, but there should also be a Huginn & Muninn miniseries! How does that sound? Well, anyway, the current THOR series is great!

Camden Harding

Haha! A mortal who knows us well! Seems we have our own fan club now, aye?! Well, Master Camden, we are pleased to know we have such positivity with you mortals! For a while, I almost had lost hope in you all, but it seems the mortals have become a smarter bunch as of late!

Huginn! Is it so hard to just give a compliment for once? Thank you, Camden! Ah, as we have said before, a tale of our own would be the highest of honors! Why, to live in the Asgardian library alongside the greatest of warriors and heroes! Truly, a bird will never be worthy enough!

Aye, Muninn! Birds for eons shall know our names! For we have seen some tremendous things throughout the realms! Who would write it, do you suppose? So many wonderful scribes have crossed these halls! It would be so difficult to choose!

All right, all right. We must not get ahead of ourselves. And, ah, Camden has brought up a very smart observation! Why yes, the great scribe Donny has written many tales of the terrifying Venom! But, as with all things, it must end. But don't fret, mortal! For I hear the tweeting of a bluebird that Donny is in the middle of writing the gruesome stories of the green hero known as Hulk! Such an honor! But 'tis no higher honor than the tales of Thor!!!

Greetings, Thor Team,

First-timer here. Never actually read a comic book cover to cover before. I heard there was a new Thor comic that recently started, so I bought all the back issues and subscribed. I really appreciate all the hints and the writing style that drops clues and context along the way without being distracting. For a newbie like me, it's been very accessible and enjoyable. I love holding the physical book and the feeling of suspense right before turning the page to an epic full spread surprise! I'm late to the game, but you'll always be my first title, so thanks!

Eric Teske (age 37)
Noblesville, IN

Welcome, mortal! We are happy to hear you are now a follower of All-Father Thor! Indeed, the All-Father has many, many tales! Which outlast a mortal's lifetime, to say the least!

Hear, hear! It is good of you to write in. The All-Father shall have a drink to celebrate of his growing fandom!

Huginn & Muninn,

Easily the best of the remaining letter pages that are out there is the Huginn & Muninn Show! THOR #14 had many wow moments--from the two-page spread of Thor in the Destroyer armor delivering a mighty left to Donald Blake's face to the appearance of Beta Ray-Bill and onto Thor shedding the armor and declaring "I am the king," to name just three. A heavy sigh of relief putting to bed the terror that Blake has unleashed of late.

Looking forward to many more challenges for Thor and the gang moving ahead!

David Gehring
Kenosha, WI

Indeed, David! That Donald Blake was treacherous! Asgard can sleep easy now that he has been taken care of! The Destroyer armor did come in handy; a very smart decision by the All-Father to use it. We are happy that our scribe and artist Donny and Nic were able to capture what happened that day! Now all the realms shall know of the bravery of the All-Father!

Muninn, though you speak truths to this mortal, did you not see what was said there? "The best of these remaining letter pages." What does this phrase mean? There are others who write to mortals? I say! There is only one true response! And that response is Huginn and Muninn! Foolish imposters, I shall fly to them and peck at their limbs. They shall know only the true letters come from Asgard!

Ah yes, you do so look intimidating with that gut of yours, Huginn. Why not give them a swing with it! Sure to make a bruise.

Muninn, you wound me and my gut. 'Tis not my fault we keep receiving such tasty treats.

Even though those were for the All-Father to congratulate him on winning against Donald Blake! If only your brain worked as fast as your mouth! Enough of this! Thank you, David, for your kind words! And if 'tis true of others out there writing, we birds are the best source for all information on the Ten Realms!

Dear Cates and Klein,

You guys are doing an excellent job on the title. I especially like what you've done with the Donald Blake persona. The artwork and dialogue makes reading it like watching a sci-fi/fantasy epic on the big screen. Keep it up!

Chaz

We shall pass on your thoughts to Donny, Nic and Matt! Their hard work getting every detail of the All-Father correct truly is astounding! Our current guest artist, Michele Bandini--whose work you saw in this tome--has just come from Midgard to work on the current tale of the All-Father! Truly wonderful to see another magnificent artist at work!

Spoken like a true raven of Asgard, Huginn! Though do not fret, mortals! Nic Klein is still hard at work telling the stories of Thor! He shall return after Michele has finished "Revelations." This shall truly be another great story of our king!

Aye, and since Donald is gone, it has been wonderful to visit them while they work. Michele gives such nice pets. He even took care of my aching wing the other day!

Ah! So that is where you flew off to! I had been calling for you for hours! We had duties to fulfill! I ended up having to do them all myself!

Oh, was that what that awful noise was the other day? Really, Muninn, you should be respectful of the hardworking artists and scribes. They don't need to hear your squawking.

...I do wonder what goes on in that bird brain of yours.

Well, well, well. Was that a pun I just witnessed? Haha, I do say, I am rubbing off on you, Muninn!

You dare insult me.

Hey, you dirty birds,

Your taking over of the letter column has made for some interesting reading in the back matter.

Oh wait, an aside or two: what do you think of that American football team apparently named after you both (the Baltimore Ravens)? And related, what do you think of that Edgar Allan Poe guy, who apparently inspired both your letter column title and the football team name?

Anyway, loved the fact that you two made cameos in issue #13 and appear on the variant cover of number #15. Your popularity must be skyrocketing.

As for the comic story, I'm glad that Blake was defeated. He was getting tiresome. Let's move on to more interesting villains.

Alan Bowman
Sagamihara City, Japan

Dirty? Do I smell, Muninn?

Not more than usual, no.

Hmph. Well, what is "American football"? Mortals do not have a ball as a foot, do they, Muninn?

Well, I guess anything is possible. But nay, I have not seen anything like that before on a mortal! But they use our image, so it must be an honor toward us birds, it seems. Though I am unsure how birds relate to this football. Sounds painful...

Aye! Next time we fly to Midgard, we should investigate these Baltimore Ravens. For if they love ravens so much, it must be a wonderful place! Do you think they will have treats for us?

Ah, but the mortal also speaks of the great scribe Edgar Allan Poe! His scriptures have reached many realms! A true legend even here in Asgard!

And what good taste he had! To write of us ravens. Though it should have been about a bird named Huginn, I can at least give him some credit for picking the correct species at least.

And what great tale would you have for the great Edgar Allan Poe? Stuffing your face, slacking at your duties?

Hmph, sticks and stones! But glad to hear you enjoyed the tales of Thor thus far, Alan! We shall hopefully make more appearances! But until then, keep reading! There is more afoot that the All-Father must deal with!

Yes! Mortals--be sure to keep writing in and marking your missives **OKAY TO PRINT!** As you can see, our All-Father is dealing with terrible turmoil! I saw him skip out on his favorite mead the other day! And leaving his hammer? This is not the Thor we know. I hope it gets sorted out soon. But the prayers from you all will continue to help guide him!

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